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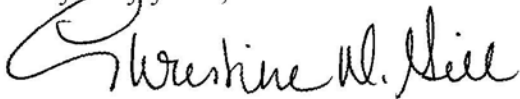
Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.  
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Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless; Status Report  
on Hearing Aid Compatibility; WT Docket No. 01-309

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of our client, Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless ("SouthernLINC Wireless"), we are hereby submitting SouthernLINC Wireless's status report on hearing aid compatibility. SouthernLINC Wireless has prepared this report in accordance with information provided by its handset manufacturer, Motorola, Inc. We trust that the FCC will find this to be in order. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,



Christine M. Gill

Attachment

## Status Report on Hearing Aid Compatibility

**Company Name:** Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless

**Address:** 5555 Glenridge Connector

**City:** Atlanta

**State:** Georgia

**Zip Code:** 30342

**Phone:** 678-443-1562

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**Compliant Phone Models:** To be determined based on testing standards

**Phone Model**

**ANSI C63.19 Rating**

### **Product Labeling Information:**

SouthernLINC Wireless's understanding is that its sole iDEN equipment vendor, Motorola, Inc, is making the necessary changes to the packaging of the handsets to indicate their ANSI C63.19 Rating.

### **Outreach Efforts:**

SouthernLINC Wireless is dependant on its sole-source equipment provider to develop Hearing Aid Compatible handsets that meet FCC requirements. SouthernLINC Wireless is committed and prepared to develop outreach marketing materials for use by its direct sales force, dealers and SouthernLINC Wireless's "On-Line Store" web site. SouthernLINC Wireless does offer a hearing-aid neck loop that, when attached to the handset, allows SouthernLINC Wireless's handsets to function with hearing aid devices.

### **Retail Availability of Compliant Phones:**

SouthernLINC Wireless's understanding is that its sole equipment vendor, Motorola, Inc, projects compliant iDEN handsets will be available in advance of the compliance dates set by the FCC. SouthernLINC Wireless further understands that the wireless manufacturers' continue to work on how to measure their phones' compliance with the ANSI C63.19 – 2005 standard. SouthernLINC Wireless defers to Motorola on the compliant phones based on the new standard.

### **Efforts to Incorporate Hearing Aid Compatibility into Newer Models:**

SouthernLINC Wireless's understanding is that its sole equipment vendor, Motorola, Inc., is pursuing the incorporation of hearing aid compatibility features into iDEN handsets. Current iDEN models enable coupling with hearing aid telecoils via the speaker.

### **Activities Related to ANSI C63.19 or Other Standards Work :**

SouthernLINC Wireless's understanding is that its sole equipment vendor, Motorola, Inc., is pursuing the incorporation of hearing aid compatibility features in the iDEN handsets. Motorola engineers were charter authors of both the 2001 and 2005 ANSI C63.19 documents as they were being developed.

**Total Number of Compliant Phones Offered:**

To be determined based on testing standards

**Total Number of Non-Compliant Phones Offered:**

To be determined based on testing standards

### **Ongoing Efforts for Interoperability Testing with Hearing Aids:**

SouthernLINC Wireless's understanding is that its sole equipment vendor, Motorola, Inc., in association with hearing aid manufacturers, is actively pursuing the interoperability testing for hearing aid compatibility in the iDEN handsets.

### **Information regarding differences in handset offerings among regions in service areas (For Service Providers only):**

There are no differences in handset offerings in SouthernLINC Wireless's service area. All handsets can be used throughout SouthernLINC Wireless's service territory.